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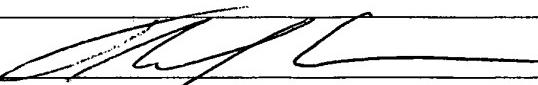
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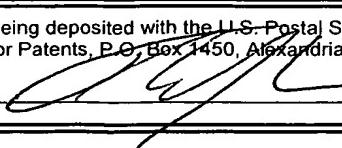
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116, this paper is filed in response to the Official Final Action mailed February 26, 2003 in the above-identified application. This response is timely filed as a petition for a one month extension of time to June 26, 2003 is filed herewith.

In light of the amendments and remarks presented below, the applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and favorable reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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